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REMARKSINTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 13 and 14 have been made independent and have not been amended to narrow the scope of the claims. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

CONCLUSION:

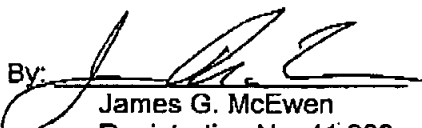
In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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